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draft resolution

World Programme of Action for Youth
to the Year 2000 and Beyond

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

World Programme of Action for Youth
to the Year 2000 and Beyond

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that young people in all countries are both a major human resource for development and key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation,

Bearing in mind that the ways in which the challenges and potentials of young people are addressed by policy will influence current social and economic conditions and the well-being and livelihood of future generations,

Acknowledging that young women and men in all parts of the world aspire to full participation in the life of society,

Recognizing that the decade since the observance of International Youth Year: Participation, Development and Peace, has been a period of fundamental political, economic and socio-cultural changes in the world,



Acknowledging the contribution that non-governmental youth organizations, including the Youth Forum, could make in improving dialogue and consultations with the United Nations system on the situation of youth,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/103 of 14 December 1990, in which the Secretary-General was requested to prepare a draft world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond,

Recalling also its resolution 49/152 of 23 December 1994 on the International Youth Year, in which the Assembly requested the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session to consider further the draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond,

Having considered the report of the Economic and Social Council, 1/

1. Adopts the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, 2/ as an integral part of the present resolution, including the 10 priority areas identified therein, i.e. education, employment, hunger and poverty, health, environment, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, leisure-time activities, girls and young women, and the full and effective participation of youth in the life of society and in decision-making;

2. Invites Governments, with the support of the international community, the non-governmental and private sectors and, in particular, youth organizations, to implement the programme of action by undertaking the relevant activities outlined therein;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-second session, through the Commission on Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the promotion of integrated reporting;

4. Invites, once again, Member States to include, whenever possible, youth representatives in their delegations to the Assembly and other meetings of relevant United Nations bodies with a view to stimulating participation of young women and men in the implementation of the Programme of Action.

1/ A/50/3.

2/ See E/1995/123 and Corr.1.